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Letter dated 5 October 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Kuwait to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I refer to the letter dated 15 August 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to you (S/2000/808), which conveyed the Government of Iraq's response to my letter dated 9 June 2000 addressed to you with my Government's denial of Iraq's allegations that our patrols had engaged in hostile acts against Iraqi boatmen (S/2000/556).

On instructions from my Government, I should like in this connection to reiterate that the assertions made by the Iraqi Government in its letter are contrary to reality and that they represent a naive attempt to evade responsibility for its own acts of aggression. As they categorically deny these allegations that have been fabricated by the Iraqi regime, the relevant authorities in Kuwait stress the non-probative character of the contents of the videotape in question. There is nothing on the tape to indicate that the persons who committed the acts shown were members of the Kuwaiti coast guard or that the place in which the alleged attack took place was in Kuwaiti territory. Time and again, the Iraqi regime has made a habit of propagating such calumnies in an endeavour to distort the facts and with the aim of creating instability and tension in the region.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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